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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Liberia

Other matters

3 p.m. . . . . 4838th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

   International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States, between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994

General Assembly
Fifty-eighth session

General Committee

On Friday, 10 October 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, the General Committee will hold an informal briefing, *open to all delegations*, to hear Mr. Jean-Pierre Halbwachs, Assistant Secretary-General for Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts and Controller, on the programme budget of the United Nations.

The 3rd meeting of the General Committee will be held immediately after the informal briefing (see p. 9)

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

4 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Oral briefing by the Chairman to interested Member States of the United Nations

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 27th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the eighth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/58/140) [53]; Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the tenth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/58/297) [54]: *joint debate*
2. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/323) [60]; Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/58/1) [10]: *joint debate*

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62 to 80): *item 62* (A/58/202); *item 63* (A/58/128); *item 64* (A/58/29); *item 65*; *item 66*; *item 67*; *item 68*; *item 69*; *item 70* (A/58/137); *item 71*; *item 72*; *item 73* (A/58/117, A/58/117/Add.1, A/58/129, A/58/129/Add.1, A/58/130, A/58/138, A/58/162, A/58/176, A/58/176/Add.1, A/58/203, A/58/207, A/58/208, A/58/208/Add.1, A/58/848, A/C.1/58/4); *item 74* (A/58/122, A/58/139, A/58/177, A/58/190, a/58/203, A/58/274); *item 75* (A/58/27, A/58/42, A/58/259, A/58/316); *item 76* (A/58/259); *item 77* (A/58/163); *item 78* (A/58/132, A/58/132/Add.1, A/58/132/Add.2); *item 79* (A/58/385); and *item 80* (other documents: A/C.1/58/1, A/C.1/58/2, A/C.1/58/3 and A/C.1/58/INF.1)

Speakers:

Bahamas (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM))

Kazakhstan

Guyana

Russian Federation

Australia

Kenya

Jamaica

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Namibia

Sierra Leone

Burkina Faso

Nicaragua

Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. General debate *(conclusion)*

Cameroon

Syrian Arab Republic

2. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (A/58/179, A/58/204 and A/58/72-E/2003/53) . . . . . [98]

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m. . . . . 7th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (A/58/179, A/58/204 and A/58/72-E/2003/53) . . . . . [98]

Conclusion of general discussion

Third Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 7th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice (A/58/3[1], A/58/87-E/2003/82, A/58/125, A/58/131-S/2003/703, A/58/165, A/58/222, A/58/223, A/C.3/58/L.3, A/C.3/58/L.4, A/C.3/58/L.5 and A/C.3/58/L.6). . . . . [108]

2. International drug control (A/58/3[1], A/58/124, A/58/131-S/2003/703 and A/58/253) [109]

Introductory statement, dialogue and general discussion

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[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 124 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/C.5/57/39 and A/C.5/58/4)); 118 (Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/58/5/Add.5, A/58/114, A/58/97, A/58/97/Add.1 and A/58/384)); 129 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/58/34, A/58/64, A/58/291, A/58/220 and A/58/343)) and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Outsourcing practices (A/57/185 and A/57/7/Add.1)); and Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Management audit review of outsourcing (A/58/92, A/58/92/Add.1 and A/58/389)

3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Special briefing by the Secretariat to members of the Fifth Committee on issues relating to the programme budget of the United Nations

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (A/58/33, A/58/346 and A/58/347) . . . . . [155]

Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order . . . . . [148]

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly (A/55/226 and A/C.6/58/L.6) . . . . . [159]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.6

Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Community in the General Assembly (A/58/143 and A/C.6/58/L.5) . . . . . [162]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.5

Observer status for the GUUAM in the General Assembly (A/58/231 and A/C.6/58/L.4) [163]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.4

Observer status for the East African Community in the General Assembly (A/58/232 and A/C.6/58/L.3) . . . . . [164]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.3

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Cost implications of providing more predictable and adequate conference services to the meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States
2. Comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat
3. Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency expenditures
4. Proportion of General Service staff to Professional staff in the regional commissions
5. Implementation of projects financed from the Development Account: Third progress report

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Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . 274th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

3–6 p.m. . . . . 218th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

1. Parking for diplomatic vehicles
2. Other matters

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 8

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks)

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [106 (b) of the provisional agenda] (29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

Delegations wishing to participate in any of eight ministerial-level round tables to be held in the context of the High-level Dialogue, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe.

Delegations are reminded that the list of participants in the round tables will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, and that each round table may have a maximum of 7 participants from African States, 7 participants from Asian States, 3 participants from Eastern European States, 5 participants from Latin American and Caribbean States and 4 participants from Western European and other States. Member States that are not members of any regional group may participate in the round tables (resolution 57/250 of 20 December 2002 and letter from the President of the General Assembly to Member States dated 7 May 2003, on organizational matters).

Other meetings

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Thursday, 9 October 2003

Eastern European States Group (of the Fifth Committee)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: Towards a society for all in the twenty-first Century" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (under agenda item 74 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nepal)

9.45–10.15 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda item 94)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 *(briefing by Mr. Adnan Amin, Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), on the report of the Governing Council of UNEP)*

3–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: on agenda item 92; and other matters)*

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

6–7 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

[1] Following the adjournment of the 7th meeting of the Second Committee.

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing Capacity-building of Global Public Health" (item 61) (organized by the Permanent Mission of China)

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Presentation of a draft resolution on international cooperation against the world drug problem (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

10–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on a draft resolution under agenda item 106 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family) (organized by the Permanent Missions of Portugal and Senegal)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (under agenda item 73 (p)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year of Sport and Physical Education" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia)

2.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

African Group *(on First Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations of the Subscribing States to the International Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (The Hague Code of Conduct) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Open-ended informal consultations with the New Agenda Coalition Coordinator on the draft resolutions under agenda items 73 (d) (Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda) and 73 (e) (Reduction of non-strategic nuclear weapons) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

3–4.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

UNDP presentation on "Biodiversity, Human Health and the Millennium Development Goals"

There will be a presentation on "Biodiversity, Human Health and the Millennium Development Goals", organized by the United Nations Development Programme, in collaboration with the Center for Health and the Global Environment, Harvard University, and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, *today*, 9 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. For further information, please contact Ms. Gelila Terrefe (tel. 1 (212) 906-6476; e-mail gelila.terrefe@undp.org).

Discussion on improving the effectiveness of the First Committee (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

Members of the African Group are invited to participate in a discussion on improving the effectiveness of the First Committee, organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States, to be held *today*, 9 October 2003, form 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Thursday, 9 October 2003

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Jarmo Sareva (Finland), Chairman of the First Committee (on the Committee's work)

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 10 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

General Committee

10 a.m. . . . . Informal briefing[1] . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal briefing to hear Mr. Jean Pierre Halbwachs, Assistant Secretary-General for Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts and Controller, on the programme budget of the United Nations

Morning[2] . . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Organization of work of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items . . . . . [8]

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Liberia (A/58/233)

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Netherlands (A/58/234)

(c) Letter from the Permanent Representative of Mexico addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/58/412)

[1] Open to all delegations.

[2] Immediately following the informal briefing.

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3 p.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Third Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 8th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

3 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Working Group on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism

Morning[1] . . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

[1] Following the adjournment of the 5th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 10 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Open-ended informal consultations on the organization of the high-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (agenda item 104 (b))

Open-ended informal consultations on the organization of the high-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (agenda item 104 (b)), convened by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, will be held on Friday, 10 October 2003, from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6

Second Committee *Panel discussion*

As part of the work of the Second Committee, there will be a panel discussion on "Corporate Responsibility" on Friday, 10 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting, organized by the Department for Economic and Social Affairs and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will include Mrs. Halima Embarek Warzazi, Chairperson of the fifty-fifth session of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights; Ms. Enery Quiñones, Head, Anti-Corruption Division, OECD; Mr. Fritz

Heimann, Chairman, Transparency International-USA, and Vice-Chairman, International Chamber of Commerce Commission on Anti-Corruption; Mr. Peter Utting, Acting Deputy Director and Research Coordinator on Corporate Social Responsibility, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD); and Ms. Malaika Culverwell, Senior Fellow, Royal Institute for International Affairs.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org).

Briefing

A keynote address to the Second Committee delegates will be made by Mr. Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel Laureate and Professor of Economics and Finance, Columbia University, on "Prospects for Economic Growth and Future of Development Cooperation", on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Economic and Social Council

Open-ended Working Group on Informatics: Technical Subgroup

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of H.E. Miss June Yvonne Clarke (Barbados).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group

There will be a closed meeting of the Working Group of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) on Friday, 10 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (under agenda item 108) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (under agenda item 108), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be held as follows: Friday, 10 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; Tuesday, 14 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and Thursday, 16 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Southern African Development Community (SADC)

There will be a meeting of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(on Third Committee matters) (at the experts level)* on agenda items 110 and 111 on Friday, 10 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

There will be a meeting of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(on the Second Committee matters) (at the experts level)* on Friday, 10 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) *(consultations on First Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) *(consultations on First Committee matters)* on Friday, 10 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (under agenda item 105) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

There will be informal consultations on a draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (under agenda item 105), organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, on Friday, 10 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* on 14, 21 and 28 October 2003 from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: Towards a society for all in the twenty-first Century" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: Towards a society for all in the twenty-first Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, on 14, 16 and 17 October 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m., in Conference Room B.

Briefing by the Management Committee of the Special Court for Sierra Leone

There will be a briefing by the Management Committee of the Special Court for Sierra Leone for members of the Group of Interested States for the Special Court and other interested delegations, on Thursday, 16 October 2003, 2 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Announcements

Reports and background documentation (Second and Third Committees)

Reports and background documentation prepared by the Department for Economic and Social Affairs for the Second Committee and the Third Committee can be accessed by delegates at www.un.org/esa.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 October 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 8 October 2003

Security Council

4837th meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Letter dated 25 September 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/918)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Italy, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Paddy Ashdown, High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina, and to Judge Theodor Meron, President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia.

The Council began its consideration of the item, hearing briefings by Mr. Ashdown and Judge Meron.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, the Syrian Arab Republic, France, Chile, Guinea, Pakistan, the United Kingdom, Spain, Mexico, the Russian Federation, China, Bulgaria, Angola and Cameroon, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United States.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Italy (on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, the associated countries of Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland, which aligned themselves with the statement).

Mr. Ashdown and his Deputy, Mr. Bernard Fassier, responded to comments and questions posed by participants.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

First Committee

4th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Costa Rica,

Qatar, Mongolia, Canada, Uruguay, Ghana, Belarus, Zambia and Brazil, as well as by the observer of the Holy See.

On a point of order, the representative of the Netherlands made a statement.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

4th meeting

Agenda items 19 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 87, 88, 89 and 12, and 90)

The Committee continued its general debate with statements from the representatives of Bahrain, Pakistan and Spain.

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [19]

Question of Gibraltar

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, The Honourable Peter Caruana, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, made a statement.

The representative of Grenada made a statement.

Hearing of petitioners

Question of Gibraltar

On the basis of a decision taken at the 3rd meeting, the Committee heard statements by and Mr. J. J. Bossano, Leader of the Opposition (A/C.4/58/2), and Mr. Daniel Feetham, Leader of the Labour Party (A/C.4/58/2/Add.1).

Question of the Cayman Islands

On the basis of a decision taken at the 3rd meeting, the Committee heard a statement by Ms. Sophia Ann Harris, Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce (A/C.4/58/3).

Question of Western Sahara

On the basis of a decision taken at the 3rd meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Mouloud Said, on behalf of Frente POLISARIO (AC.4/58/4/Add.4); Mr. Antonio López Ortiz, Federación Estatal de Instituciones Solidarias con el Pueblo Saharaui (FEDISSAH) (A/C.4/58/4); Mr. Felipe Briones Vives, International Association of Jurists for Western Sahara (A/C.4/58/4/Add.1); Ms. Hilt Teuwen, Oxfam Solidarité (A/C.4/58/4/Add.7); and Mr. Miquel Mayol i Raynal, Member, European Parliament Intergroup "Peace for the Saharawi People" (A/C.4/58/4/Add.8).

Organization of work

The Committee decided to hear the remaining petitioners on the question of Western Sahara as well as continue with the general debate, on Friday, 10 October. Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee decided to take action instead on all draft proposals relating to decolonization and related agenda items on Monday, 13 October.

Second Committee

5th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Burkina Faso, Serbia and Montenegro, the Philippines, Mexico, Uganda, Jamaica, Tunisia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Dominican Republic, Senegal, Bolivia, Cambodia, Nepal, the Sudan, Malaysia, Belize (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)), Armenia and Papua New Guinea.

The representatives of the World Bank and the International Labour Organization (ILO) made statements.

Third Committee

6th meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly . . . . . [105]

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [106]

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing . . . . . [107]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the items and heard statements by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Morocco, Nigeria, Uganda, Congo, Malawi, Guyana, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Syrian Arab Republic, Kenya, Mongolia, Eritrea, Mali, Thailand, Pakistan, Cameroon, Nepal and Suriname.

The representative of FAO made a statement.

The observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda items 105, 106 and 107.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

Fifth Committee

3rd meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [119]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Outsourcing practices and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on management audit review of outsourcing

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Common and joint services at Vienna

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania,

Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), the United States and Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada).

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on the question of outsourcing practices would be held under the chairmanship of Ms. Karen Lock (South Africa) and on common and joint services of United Nations system organizations at Vienna under the chairmanship of Ms. Nonye Udo (Nigeria).

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . [120]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Profitability of commercial activities of the United Nations

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/398).

The Vice-Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Ion Gorita, introduced the report of the Unit (A/57/707).

The representative of the Secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination introduced a note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination (A/57/707/Add.1).

The relevant section of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was before the Committee in document A/57/7 and A/57/7/Corr.1.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Friday, 10 October, in the afternoon, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Mr. Jerry Kramer (Canada).

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [124]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to letters dated 27 June 2003 and 1 October 2003 from the President of the General Assembly, addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/57/39 and A/C.5/58/4).

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), the Niger, Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), Nepal, Pakistan, Botswana (on behalf of the African Group), South Africa, the United States, Cuba, Venezuela,

Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, Guinea, Argentina, Bangladesh and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Following a proposal by the representative of Uruguay, statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, Australia, Guinea and Trinidad and Tobago.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Thursday, 9 October, in the morning, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of H.E. Ms. Inga Eriksson Fogh (Sweden).

Organization of work

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Trade and Development Board
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Review of developments and issues in the post-Doha work programme of particular concern to developing countries . . . . . [5]

The Board began its consideration of item 5 and heard a statement by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

An introductory statement was made by Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Director of the Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, UNCTAD.

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Italy (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries (Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia), which aligned themselves with this statement), as well as by the representative of the European Commission and the representatives of Oman (on behalf of the Asian Group and China), Barbados (on behalf of the Latin American and the Caribbean Group), Zimbabwe (on behalf of the African Group), Benin (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Egypt, Japan, India, Pakistan and South Africa.

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The Board continued its consideration of agenda item 5 and heard statements by the representatives of Zambia, the Philippines, Bahrain, the United States, the Republic of Korea, China, Brazil, Uganda, Jamaica, Morocco, Cambodia, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Botswana, Kenya, Jordan, the Russian Federation, Malaysia and Nigeria.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 20 May 1965

Acceptance: Palau (7 October 2003)[1]

Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 18 May 1978

Acceptance: Palau (7 October 2003)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: Papua New Guinea (7 October 2003)[1]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Ratification: Papua New Guinea (7 October 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic of DPI/NGO briefing will be "Maternal Health: The Problem of Obstetric Fistula". The briefing will be held on *today*, 9 October 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefing will feature H.E. Mr. Ousmane Moutari, Permanent Representative of the Niger to the United Nations; Dr. Catherine Hamlin, Founder and Director, Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital; and Dr. France Donnay, Chief, Reproductive Health Branch, United Nations Population Fund. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

2003 World Food Day on the theme "Working together for an international alliance against hunger"

There will be a ceremony on the occasion of the 2003 World Food Day on the theme "Working together for an international alliance against hunger", organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), on Friday 17 October 2003, at 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent Missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations System, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the FAO Liaison Office to the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-6036 or 963-6319).

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A/58/32	Report of the Committee on Conferences for 2003 — Supplement No. 32 [A C E F R S]

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A/58/412	Item 108 — Crime prevention and criminal justice — Letter dated 3 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

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